EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The All India Management Association organised a set of innovative state-of-the-art management seminars in the first week of December, 1994 in S3 cities all over the country with the objectives to disseminate knowledge on issues in management on the topics, namely, managing computer security, business process re-engineering etc. The Govt, has not received the suggestions made at these Seminars. The question of taking any action thereon does not arise.

Functioning of A.S.I.

2828. SHRI S. S. AHLUWAL1A: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India has been affected adversely since sometime past due to the absence of cohesion among the top officials that led to intervention of Government by way of replacing the earlier Director General with a new incumbent;

(b) if so, the reasons for premature replacement of the Director General;

(c) the measures taken, if any to ensure smooth working of the Archaeological Survey of India;

(d) whether it is a fact that ASI has to host the World Archaeological Congress in new Delhi this year for the first time; and

(e) if so, the details of measures taken !e the ASI to play appropriate role towards holding of the Congress fruit-fully?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The Question deals with two distinct issues namely the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India and holding of the World Archaeological Congress. So far as the post of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India is concerned this post has been !y'ng vacant after the retirement of the last incumbent on 31st March. 1993. No officer of the Archaeological Survey of India was found eligible for promotion as per the then Recruitment Rules. The post was advertised and also circulated to all the State Governments and Central Departments. A Search Committee was also constituted and applications received were forwarded to UPSC. Since the pav sxale of the post of Director General, Archaeoloe'cal Survey of India had been revised after the 4th Pay Commission and since the Recruitment Rules *v.'cr:* of earlier years, the UPSC decided that the Recruitment Rules will have to be r.mended and that pending amendment the mode of recruitment may be settled with the Commission. In view of this decision of the Commission no Recruitment Rules deem to exist. The Government in the interregnum directed the Additional Director General (Admn.) to look after the current charge of the duties of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India. The approval of the Commission for the new mode of recruitment has been obtained under which the qualifications and years of experience have been revised to cover a large number of instituions and persons with higher qualifications. The post has also now been advertised as per the new mode of recruitment as approved by the Union Public Service Commission. As soon as the recommendation of UPSC is received for the appointment of an eligible candidate, the post will be filled with the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

To ensure proper coordination and control, the Government have now entrusted the work of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India to Secretary, Culture.

The World Archaeological Congress-2 was held for 'the first time in India. The Government of India have given the organisers of the Congress adequate financial support. Many officers of the Archaeological Survey of India were members of the various Committees of the Congress and were also presented theme papers during the Congress.

Representation by Publishers Maps and Charts

2829. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Map and Chart Publishers Association, Delhi has submitted a Memorandum to Govern ment regarding a number of problems being faced by them; and

(b) if so, the actiun taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT fDEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE! (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No such Memorandum has been received in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Invitation Cards for World Archaeological Congress

*2830. SHRI K. R. MALKANI ; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the circumstances under which 3.000 invitation cards for the World

Archaeological Congress were replaced changing the name of the persons to inaugurate it; and

(b) how Government propose to deal with a section of archaeologists who, in the name of secularism, have generated a controversy about WAC and thus hurt the cause of archaeology in India and abroad ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELIA) : (a) Late receipt of non-acceptance of the original request for the inaugural function led to (he replacement of invitation cards.

(b) The World Archaeological Con-gress-3 at Delhi has since concluded. This Congress is an independent body of academicians and scholars. Differences among them, if any, can be tackled only by that body.

बिहार के विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, भोपाल के साथ संबद्ध किया जाना

2831. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंग कि :

(क) क्या भौगोलिक दूरी को देखते हुए, बिहार के महाविद्यालयों और विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, भोपाल के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय के साथ संबद्ध करने का क्या औचित्य है, जबकि गाजियाबाद/ कलकत्ता कार्यालय इसके लिए बेहतर स्थान सिद्ध होंगे ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार बिहार के महाविद्यालयों/ विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के गाजियाबाद / कलकत्ता कार्यालय के साथ संबद्ध करने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) (क) और (ख) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई सूचना के अनुसार आयोग ने अपने क्षेत्रीय कार्यालयों की स्थापना और उनकी कार्यपद्धति के लिए योजना की जाँच हेतु एक अधिकार-प्राप्त समिति का गठन किया है । इस समिति की सिफारिशों पर विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग ने गाजियाबाद, गुवाहाटी, भोपाल, पुणे और हैदराबाद के अधिकार क्षेत्र में आने वाले विश्वविद्यालयों/ कॉलिजों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए उपर्युक्त शहरों में 5 क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोलने का निर्णय किया । हालांकि इस मामले पर पुनः विचार करने के पश्चात् आयोग ने कलकत्ता में एक और क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय खोलने का निर्णय लिया है जिसमें पश्चिम बंगाल, सिक्किम, बिहार और उड़ीसा में स्थित विश्वविद्यालय और कॉलिज शामिल होंगे ।

Objectionable Literature Prescribed for School in Assam

2832. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been monitoring the implementation of its Operation Black Board Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details of its implementation in each State during the last thres years;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of September 25, 1994 captioned learning about the birds and bees in Assam';

(d) whether the text books prescribed under the Operation Black Board Scheme in Assam for children in the age group of 6 to 10 contain undesirab!y explicit sexual descriptions;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(f) whether such objectionable literature under the scheme has been prescribed for the children in any other State, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to check the publication and circulation of such literature in States under the above Scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given in statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(f) No such case has come to the notice..

(g) Does not arise.